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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: UNGA

SUBJECT: SYRIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF PLO PREPARATIONS FOR  
UNGA DEBATE

1. DAMASCUS RADIO AND BOTH MORNING NEWSPAPERS NOVEMBER 10-11 CARRIED NUMBER OF ARTICLES ATTRIBUTED TO ARAB WIRE SERVICES (SANA AND MENA) CRITICIZING US HANDLING OF PLO DELEGATION TO UNGA. NOVEMBER 10 AL-THAWRA SAID PLO HAD REJECTED US DEMAND TO REDUCE NUMBER ITS DELEGATION MEMBERS. OTHER DETAILS INCLUDED ASSERTION ARAB AMBASSADORS AT UN HAD REJECTED US PROPOSAL TO PUT ARAFAT IN AMERICAN MILITARY BASE FOR HIS PROTECTION.

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2. MENA NOVEMBER 11 WHICH APPEARS TO BE PRINCIPAL SOURCE

THESE STORIES, STATED "UN OFFICE IN PARIS" HAD TOLD  
IT THAT US AUTHORITIES HAVE THUSFAR GRANTED ONLY SEVEN  
VISAS FOR THE PROPOSED PLO DELEGATION OF 27 MEMBERS. IT  
FURTHER REPORTED THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAD OFFERED HIS PERSONAL  
SUITE IN UN HEADQUARTERS FOR ARAFAT'S USE.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL SET RECORD STRAIGHT ON THESE STORIES  
TODAY DURING AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH ACTING FONMIN  
RAFI'.  
MURPHY

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